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1. Communists are at present spreading the rumor that the American personnel of TAPLine are actually camouflaged military personnel and that TAPLine operations mean nothing else but the "beginning of a military occupation", the aim of which is the "lengthening of the strategic base already prepared in Saudi Arabia". This is given as an additional proof of the imperialism of the United States and of its "desire for aggression" against the Soviet Union.
2. By a curious turn, these rumors have been accepted in Polish emigrant circles, which repeat them with satisfaction far and wide but give them a different interpretation: the United States has decided to fight for the liberation of the world, and the best proof is that the United States is making preparations for it.

25X1A Comment: It has been reported that the Soviet Legation ordered the Communist Party to avoid any activities which might give provocation to local groups or to the government and concentrate on attacking TAPLine.

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